



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION of GOVERNMENTS

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

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AGENDA

Introductions

Discussion Items

1. Subregional Framework and Guidelines (Jacob Lieb)	60 min.
2. Local jurisdiction communication letter and a sample of SED/GIS review package/platform for October local input/review rollout (Frank Wen)	40 min.
3. Comments/Around the Table Discussion	15 min.



TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

August 15, 2013

Meeting Summary

Following is a summary of discussions of the Technical Working Group meeting of August 15, 2013.

Discussion Items

1. Subregional Delegation of Sustainable Communities Strategy

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, provided an update on subregional delegation of Sustainable Communities Strategy. Mr. Lieb noted SCAG supports any subregion that chooses to proceed with the development of a subregional SCS and does not propose any significant policy changes to the 2016 SCS development process. Further, as in 2012, growth distribution and land use information for 2016 Subregional SCS submittals will be held constant at the jurisdictional level. Additionally, jurisdictions are encouraged but not required to use the Scenario Planning Model (SPM) tool for developing submissions and to submit SCSs in SPM, or a compatible GIS-based format. Also, submissions must demonstrate that, during the planning process, alternative growth distribution and land use scenarios were considered. Subregions are asked to submit their application by January 2014. As there will be an emphasis on performance monitoring, parameters and performance objectives will need to be finalized in a sufficient timeframe.

2. Upgrade CALOTS to Support Growth Monitoring

Ping Chang, SCAG Staff, provided an update on CALOTS. It was noted this two year effort seeks to expand the functionality of this Web based GIS tool and database to enable it to monitor jurisdictional growth progressively to track changes and jurisdictional performance related to RTP/SCS goals. This differs from the scenario planning model as it seeks to closely track growth and examine performance of different RTP/SCS goals at both the jurisdictional and TAZ level. It was noted this effort will be done in conjunction with UCLA and it is anticipated its focus on performance measures will provide a practical planning tool that will not only inform but assist local planners.

3. Panel of Experts Meeting and Ranges of Regional and County Growth Forecasts for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS

Frank Wen, SCAG Staff, presented a draft preliminary Range of County Growth Forecasts for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. Mr. Wen noted this preliminary draft was presented at the August 1, 2013 CEHD meeting. Additionally, staff received input from the Panel of Experts meeting held June 27, 2013 at SCAG.

Mr. Wen stated staff reviewed input and advice from the recently held Panel of Experts meeting and concluded that the updated regional population and household forecasts could be slightly lower than the adopted 2012-2035 RTP/SCS growth forecasts, while the updated employment forecasts may be slightly higher than the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS growth forecasts. It was noted the next steps include mid-range forecast of population, population and household within the Draft Preliminary Range of County Growth Forecasts for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. That will be presented to the CEHD Committee on September 12, 2013 and staff will seek approval from CEHD for moving forward with small area disaggregation, preparing a letter for communicating with local jurisdictions, producing the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS growth forecasting/land use data package along with the Scenario Planning Model (SPM) to initiate the bottom up local review and input process for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

4. AB 93: Qualified Census Tract Areas for Tax Incentives for Future Economic Development in the SCAG Region

Frank Wen, SCAG Staff, provided a report on AB 93, the Enterprise Zone Elimination Trailer bill. Mr. Wen noted, AB 93, which was signed into law July 2013, dissolved enterprise zones and implemented the Governor's new economic proposal. Provisions of the bill would institute two new tax programs – a Sales and Use Tax (SUT) exemption for manufacturing, biotech equipment and similar purchases, and a hiring credit under the Personal Income Tax (PIT) and Corporation Tax (CT) for employment in specified geographic areas. The bill also would result in phasing out and ending certain tax provisions related to Enterprise Zones (EZs). The tax incentive provisions (hiring tax credits) are applicable only to certain geographic areas as follows; 1) Designated census tracts or a census tract within the state that is determined by the Department of Finance to have a civilian unemployment rate that is within the top 25 percent of all census tracks in the state and has a poverty rate within the top 25 percent.

The working group was provided maps showing existing enterprise zones, AB 93 Qualified Census Tracts (those with the top 25% of the highest unemployment and poverty rates) and AB 93 Qualified Geographic Areas to Receive Tax Credits. Additionally, an interactive map was created showing location of AB 93 Qualified geographic areas. That map can be viewed at <http://maps.scag.ca.gov/AB93/index.html>.

5. Land Use Updates and SCAG Map Book Productions for the Development of the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

Frank Wen, SCAG Staff, provided an update on land use updates and SCAG's Map Book. Mr. Wen noted in preparation for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS, SCAG has been working with local jurisdictions to update its land use database. This database contains local land use information in a digitized GIS format for every jurisdiction in the SCAG region. In the past, jurisdictions used this resource to save funds when undergoing general plans. To insure accuracy, SCAG staff has outreached to 197 jurisdictions to obtain their most recent general plan and zoning information. Updates from 109 cities have been received to date. Additionally, SCAG Staff will continue to provide local planners with GIS training and other GIS services necessary to maintain the jurisdiction's GIS land use database.

As part of this process SCAG has prepared a set of GIS maps, the SCAG Map Book. The SCAG Map Book includes maps of land use, resource areas, farmland, transit priority projects, and geographic boundaries. The SCAG Map Book is available for download at the SCAG FTP site ([ftp://scag-data:\\$cag424@data.scag.ca.gov/data_map_book](ftp://scag-data:$cag424@data.scag.ca.gov/data_map_book)) Also included for download are SCAG's GIS shapefiles for general plan land use, zoning, and existing land use, which can be edited directly as appropriate.



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Item 1 Attachment: Subregional Framework and Guidelines

**** The Subregional Framework and Guidelines item is currently on the September 12th Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Agenda and will be e-mailed separately, on Thursday, after comments from the CEHD have been received and incorporated ****



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Item 2 Attachment: Local jurisdiction communication letter and a sample of
SED/GIS review package/platform for October local input/review rollout

REPORT

DATE: September 12, 2013

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)
Transportation Committee (TC)
Regional Council (RC)

FROM: Huasha Liu, Director, Land Use and Environmental Planning, 213-236-1838,
liu@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Local Input Communication Letter Initiating the Bottom-Up Local Input Process for the
2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For Information Only – No Action Required.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As past practice, SCAG staff will engage in a bottom up local input process for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. At the August 1, 2013 meeting, the Regional Council approved a preferred protocol for communicating, approving, and submitting input from local jurisdictions. Subsequently, SCAG staff will distribute a letter to local jurisdictions in the SCAG region that will initiate the Bottom-Up Local Input Process for the upcoming RTP/SCS

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan; Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective a: Create and facilitate a collaborative and cooperative environment to produce forward thinking regional plans.

BACKGROUND:

At the February 7, 2013 CEHD Committee meeting, staff were directed to establish a formal protocol for communications between SCAG and local jurisdictions regarding the local input and review process of the growth forecast and land use datasets for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. At the meeting on August 1, 2013, the Regional Council approved such protocol as detailed below:

1. A jurisdiction's City Manager, County Administrator, Subregional Executive Director (in the case where a subregional organization is submitting the input on behalf of its member jurisdictions), or their respective designee will provide approval on growth forecast and land use data. While not required as a method of submittal of information, SCAG jurisdictions may voluntarily choose to utilize the optional SCAG Data Verification and Approval Form. If another transmittal method of information is utilized, it should include the signature of the official designee; and
2. Local jurisdictions may also choose to adopt, while optional, a resolution designating a position representing the jurisdiction's input on the growth forecast and land use data for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. Other options for the designation may include formal action by the jurisdiction, the transmittal of a letter to SCAG, or meeting minutes.

REPORT

Having received Regional Council approval of the local input communications/approval protocol, SCAG staff is moving forward with the transmission to the city managers, county chief administrators, planning directors, city clerks and county clerks (for forwarding to all city/county elected officials), and the subregional executive directors, a comprehensive letter outlining the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS development process.

This letter, included as Attachment 1, seeks to accomplish the following:

1. Provide an overview of the contents and work plan for the development of 2016-2040 RTP/SCS;
2. Establish communication channels between SCAG and the 197 jurisdictions within the region; provide a main SCAG contact person for directing inquiries regarding the RTP/SCS development process; and request jurisdictions to follow the established protocol for submitting confirmation of data to SCAG;
3. Provide a list of the maps, data, growth forecast, and land use information that SCAG will transmit to local jurisdictions for review, comments, and subsequent verification or approval;
4. Provide a general schedule, milestones, and deadlines for the review of key socioeconomic datasets required for the development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and PEIR.

As with the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, SCAG will seek verification of the existing land use, general plan land use, and zoning information; and approval of jurisdictional level population, households, and employment forecasts for the years 2020, 2035, and 2040. Jurisdictions may also elect to submit sub-jurisdictional input (e.g., input at the census tract or transportation analysis zone level). However, sub-jurisdictional level input will only be treated as advisory, including input from those jurisdictions within a subregion that has accepted delegation through formal notification to SCAG by February 2014.

For the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS development process, SCAG, working closely with jurisdictions and a Working Group comprised of regional stakeholders and technical practitioners, will also roll-out the Scenario Planning Model (SPM). The SPM will allow local jurisdictions to envision and estimate the potential benefits from future land use and policy choices.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Activities related to the 2016 RTP/SCS development are included in the SCAG budget under 13-010.SCG0170.01, 13-020.SCG1635.01, 13-055.SCG0133.025, and 13-070.SCG0130.10.

ATTACHMENT:

Local Input Communication Letter Initiating the Bottom-Up Local Input Process for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

ATTACHMENT

Mr. Xx Yy
City Manager
City of Aliso Viejo
12 Journey, Suite 100
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656-5335

SUBJECT: Bottom-Up Local Input Process for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

Dear Ms. Xx Yy:

A critical component to the success of the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) will be the participation and cooperation of all 197 local government partners within the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). To this end, we will ensure that all local governments are fully informed of the planning process and have clear and adequate opportunities to provide input.

A first step in the local input process, and the purpose of this letter, is to outline protocols for communication, information sharing, and verification/approval between SCAG and local jurisdictions. These protocols were approved by SCAG's Regional Council on August 1, 2013.

The options below provide flexibility for local jurisdictions in providing input to SCAG on the land use information and growth forecast for population, housing, and employment and will ensure that the information provided is "official input":

- A jurisdiction's City Manager, County Administrator, Subregional Executive Director (in the case where a subregional organization is submitting the input on behalf of its member jurisdictions), or their respective designee will provide approval on growth forecast and land use data. While not required as a method of submittal of information, SCAG jurisdictions may voluntarily choose to utilize the optional Data Verification and Approval Form (Attachment A). If another transmittal method of information is utilized, it should include the signature of the official designee; and
- Local jurisdictions may also choose to adopt, while optional, a resolution designating a position representing the jurisdiction's input on the growth forecast and land use data for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. A sample of the optional resolution is provided (Attachment B). Other options for the designation may include formal action by the jurisdiction, the transmittal of a letter to SCAG, or meeting minutes.

The draft 2016-2040 RTP/SCS schedule, further detail on the process, and SCAG Scenario Planning Model (SPM) Description are included as Attachments C, D and E. Of particular note is Attachment D that specifies deadlines for submitting local information to SCAG.

Four key stages of the Local Input process are summarized below:

- Stage 1 - Preliminary Land Use Data Collection and Review (March 2013 - September 13th, 2013)
Note that SCAG staff have worked to collect and integrate local land use information into our regional database. To provide input on these draft datasets, please review your jurisdiction's individual Map Book available at ftp://scag-data:scag424@data.scag.ca.gov/Data_Map_Book;
- Stage 2 - Review of Base Year 2012 Socioeconomic Data and Future Years' (2020, 2035, and 2040) Growth Forecast (October 2013 - May 2014);
- Stage 3 - Open Space Conservation Database (May 2014 – September 2014);
- Stage 4 - Land Use Scenario Exercises (May 2014 –September 2014).

To ensure a single point of contact, all future communications on this topic will be sent to each jurisdiction's Planning Manager/Director with a CC to the city manager and/or county chief administrator in the SCAG region. A copy of this initial letter will also be sent to each planning director, city or county clerk, and the executive director and subregional coordinator of each respective subregional organization. For your jurisdiction, the main point of contact will be __Jane Doe, __Planning Manager __email__phone. If you would like to designate another point of contact, please send the contact information to Frank Wen.

Frank Wen, Manager of Research and Analysis, will be the primary SCAG contact for this process. Frank can be reached at wen@scag.ca.gov or 213-236-1854. We welcome any questions, and are committed to working with you to facilitate this process so that it is seamless and effective.

SCAG greatly appreciates your efforts and collaboration in developing the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

Sincerely,

Hasan Ikhata
Executive Director

Email CC: City Council Members/Board of Supervisors via City/County Clerk

City Manager

COG Executive Director

Subregional Coordinator

Attachments:

- A. Data Verification and Approval Form
- B. Sample Resolution
- C. Draft Preliminary Schedule for the Development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS
- D. Further Detail on the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and Local Input Process
- E. SCAG Scenario Planning Model (SPM) Description

Attachment A

Data Verification and Approval Form Local Input and Review Process 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

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When complete, please return this form to Frank Wen, Manager of Research & Analysis at SCAG, at wen@scag.ca.gov

Attachment B

Sample Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE (NAME OF LOCAL JURISDICTION OR
SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATION) DESIGNATING (TITLE OF
STAFF POSITION)
TO SUBMIT LOCAL GROWTH FORECASTS TO THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (“SCAG”) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (“MPO”), pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 134 et seq. and 49 U.S.C. 5303 et seq. for six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial;

WHEREAS, as the MPO, SCAG is engaged in the Local Input process for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS);

WHEREAS, local jurisdictions or subregional organization within the SCAG region are requested to review, comment and verify the maps, data, growth forecast information and land use information transmitted by SCAG by September 30, 2014;

WHEREAS, (Name of Local Jurisdiction or Subregional Organization) has reviewed the maps, data, growth forecast information and land use information transmitted by SCAG, and is prepared to submit its input to SCAG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the (Name of Governing Body) of the (Name of Local Jurisdiction or Subregional Organization) that it hereby designates (Name of designated staff position) or its designee to approve and submit to SCAG the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS local land use and growth forecasts of jurisdictional level population, household and employment for 2012, 2020, 2035, and 2040. [If resolution is from a Subregional Organization, please list the name(s) of the jurisdiction(s) to which the Subregional Organization is submitting the local input information.]

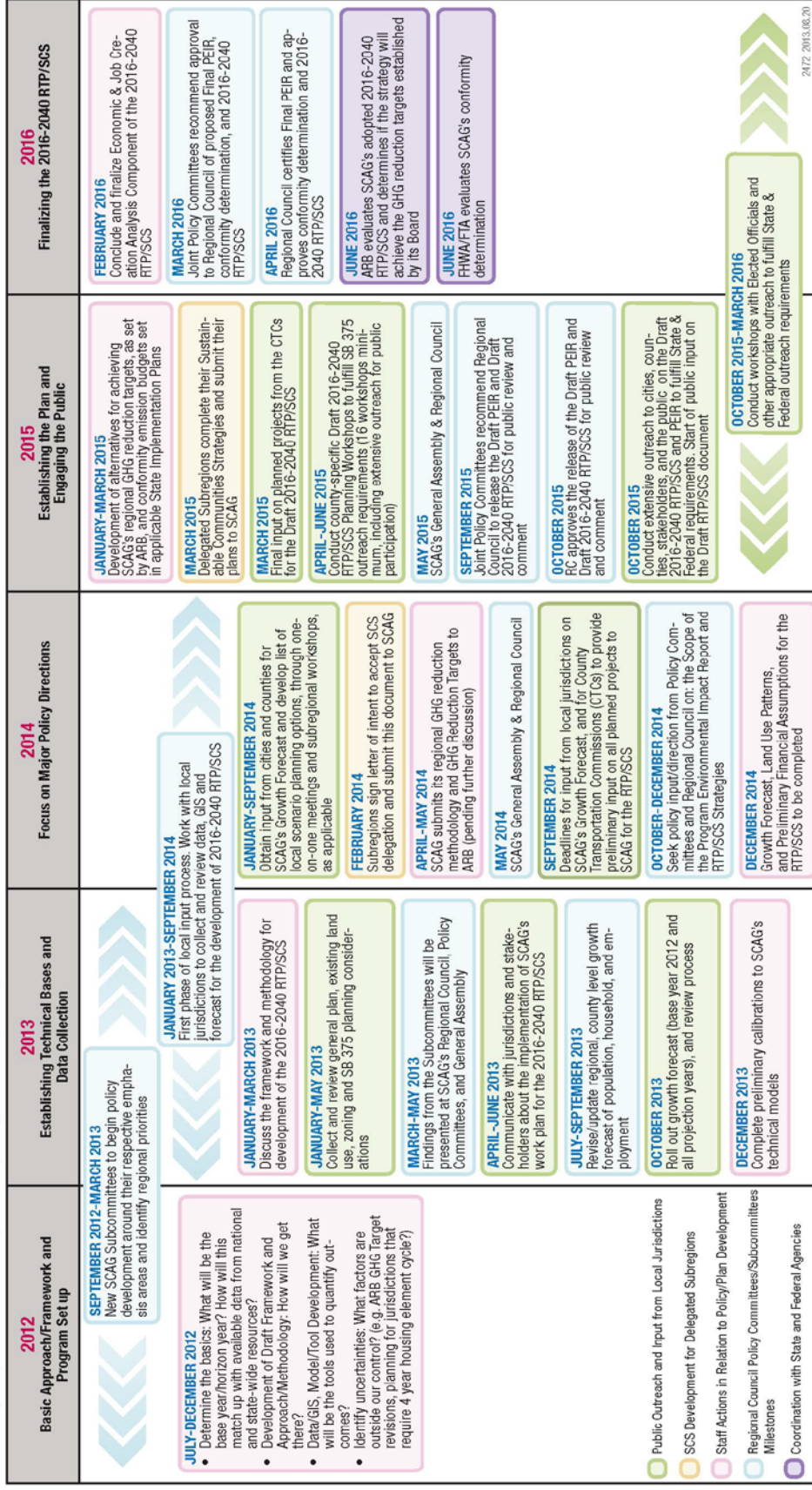
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by or before September 30, 2014.

Authorized Representative
of Local Jurisdiction or
Subregional Organization

Attachment C

SCAG's DRAFT Preliminary Schedule for Development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS as of August 2013

This schedule provides a preliminary summary of development and phasing for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. Both the technical framework and timeline for collaboration with regional stakeholders are presented in detail. It is important to note that as development of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS solidifies, changes may be made to account for input from our governing bodies and our partner agencies.



Attachment D:

Further detail on the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and Local Input Process

Overview

SCAG plans to replicate most of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS plan process a positive one. However, please note that additional planning considerations may need to be incorporated into the development of 2016-2040 RTP/SCS, including issues flowing from the state, national and regional levels.

Planning activities, with complementary goals through all levels of government, include:

- The California Air Resources Board (ARB) Scoping Plan, Vision Framework and State of California's efforts to accelerate the introduction of zero emission vehicles (ZEV), as spelled out in the Governor's Executive Order B-16-2012; (<http://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=17472>), and the associated Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan ([http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Governor's_Office_ZEV_Action_Plan_\(02-13\).pdf](http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Governor's_Office_ZEV_Action_Plan_(02-13).pdf)).
- Air Quality Management Plans for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, state implementation plans for each 2008 8-hour ozone nonattainment area must be submitted to US EPA by July 2016. The SCAG region contains seven such nonattainment areas: Coachella Valley, Imperial County, Morongo Area of Indian Country, Pechanga Area of Indian Country, South Coast Air Basin, Ventura County, and Western Mojave Desert Air Basin;
- The Air Resources Board's potential consideration of revised Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction targets applicable to the SCS. SB 375 gives ARB the authority to review and update regional greenhouse gas reduction targets every 4 years. The next ARB review of regional targets will occur in 2014. Under SB 375, ARB has authority to establish regional targets for 2020 and 2035 only. Based on AB 32 and state Executive Orders, California's planning efforts need to look beyond 2020 towards 2050 climate goals. SCAG's 2016-2040 RTP/SCS will have a planning horizon of 2040, and each subsequent RTP update will further extend the planning horizon. ARB would expect, at a minimum that the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS will maintain the 2035 level of greenhouse gas reductions through 2040 and beyond;
- The state transportation plan and freight plan;
- New requirements for RTPs included in the federal transportation reauthorization (MAP 21) Of note, MAP 21 includes substantial new processes for developing performance measures.

Also note that State law requires a coordinated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and Housing Element update cycle every eight years, or with **every other** RTP/SCS update. Given that the 5th cycle RHNA process was completed in conjunction with the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, there will be **no** RHNA/Housing Element update with the 2016-2040 plan.

SCAG and our partners have been hard at work fulfilling the promise of the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS by focusing on implementation actions, including:

- Forming six subcommittees to closely examine issues of interest from the 2012-2035 plan, who ultimately recommended next steps that were approved by the Regional Council in May 2013;
- Launching a new comprehensive Sustainability Program, building on our on-going successful Compass Blueprint program to provide planning resources for member local agencies;
- Forming a standing Sustainability Working Group comprised of the six County Transportation Commissions in the SCAG region;
- Developing a formal joint work program between SCAG and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, while also exploring similar partnerships with other county transportation commissions;
- Developing legislative priorities that implement key components of the 2012-2035 plan, including innovative transportation finance, Cap and Trade implementation, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) modernization;
- Seeking funding opportunities to accelerate SCS implementation for cities and counties within the region.

Local Input Process

Based on the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Preliminary Draft Schedule and Milestones, the local input and review process will commence in October 2013 and conclude in September 2014. At the conclusion of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS development cycle in spring 2016, SCAG will seek Regional Council adoption of jurisdictional level population, households and employment for the years 2020, 2035 and 2040, which is the same as the adoption policy for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS cycle.

SCAG staff will develop the following socioeconomic and land use datasets through a bottom-up local input and review process as required by the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR):

- Geographic datasets that establish existing conditions, including information on local general plan land use, zoning, existing (2012) land use, jurisdictional boundary, sphere of influence, farmland, flood areas, endangered species, transit priority areas, open space conservation plans, etc. (March 2013 – September 13th, 2013);
- Base year (2012) population, employment, household figures for all city and transportation analysis zones (TAZ);
- Growth forecasts of population, employment, and households for the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS at the jurisdictional and TAZ level for 2020, 2035, and 2040 will be sent out for review and input by local jurisdictions.
- Scenario planning exercises with SPM, involving alternative land use scenarios at the sub-jurisdiction level, as well as subregional and regional level scenario planning exercises, which may include additional funding assumptions, Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Transportation System Management (TSM), active transportation measures, technology, and other related strategies. These will be the foundation to form the policy forecasts that will be derived from this local input process, if applicable; and
- Development of PEIR alternatives.

The datasets and land use scenarios, will be developed in four stages:

Stage 1 – Preliminary Land Use Data Collection and Review (March 2013 – September 13th, 2013)

SCAG staff have compiled land use information from local jurisdictions and submitted these datasets back to jurisdictions for review and comment through the Map Book review effort

Starting in March 2013, SCAG staff collected general plan land use and zoning information from jurisdictions' online resources. If these were not available online, SCAG contacted the local jurisdiction and requested the general plan land use and zoning information. This data was integrated into SCAG's land use database and was published, along with other geographic data such as existing land use, open space, farmland, and other resource data, into an individual *draft* Map Book for each city and county in the region. Note that this information was sent to each jurisdiction's planning director and city manager for their review on August 9th, 2013 and input is requested by September 13th, 2013. To review your jurisdiction's map book from SCAG, please access the following link: [ftp://scag-data:\\$cag424@data.scag.ca.gov/Data_Map_Book](ftp://scag-data:$cag424@data.scag.ca.gov/Data_Map_Book). SCAG is requesting input on these datasets in order to ensure the accuracy of this land use information, which will then be carried over into the general plan-based growth forecasts for 2020, 2035, and 2040. Workshops and/or one-on-one meetings with local jurisdictions were provided on an as-requested basis, and these were conducted in August and September of 2013 to collect revisions, answer questions, and provide assistance as needed. SCAG is anticipating receiving verification of accuracy, comments, and corrections on each jurisdiction's general plan land use, zoning information, and existing land use at the parcel level.

Stage 2 – Review of Base Year 2012 Socioeconomic Data and Future Years' Growth Forecast (October 2013- May 2014)

Staff will send a package to each jurisdiction with existing 2012 base year socioeconomic data and preliminary growth projections for the years 2020, 2035, and 2040. This information will be provided at the jurisdictional level and by Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ). An overview of the sample information package including base year figures and projected growth will be presented to SCAG's policy committees and the Technical Working Group (TWG). Also, this material will also be presented at subregional workshops throughout the region in October and November of 2013. Staff will also follow up with one-on-one meetings, upon request, to collect data changes, answer questions, and provide individual assistance. SCAG's Regional Council will approve population, households and employment forecasts for the years 2020, 2035, and 2040 at the jurisdictional level in conjunction with the adoption of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS which is anticipated in April 2016. This is the same practice that was established for the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS cycle. Jurisdictions may submit sub-jurisdictional level input at their option. However, sub-jurisdictional information will only be included as advisory in SCAG's adopted RTP/SCS. The deadline for providing input on this portion of the local input process will be May 2014.

Stage 3 - Open Space Conservation Database (May 2014 – September 2014)

SCAG is starting a new open space database program for this planning cycle that will coordinate existing local, state, and federal open space conservation efforts as well as facilitate the

development of comprehensive, voluntary approaches that address conservation gaps, missing wildlife habitat linkages, and create opportunities for habitat enhancement and mitigation. SCAG staff is requesting information on existing and future open space conservation and habitat restoration plans, programs, and policies for your jurisdiction. Where available, we are requesting information be provided in GIS shapefile format. The deadline for providing input on this portion of the local input process will be September 2014.

Stage 4 – Detailed Land Use Scenario Exercises (May 2014 –September 2014)

SCAG will assist local jurisdictions, if desired, to examine land use scenarios by place types (density, intensity, and uses). An important part of the RTP/SCS development process is establishing a framework for CEQA streamlining under SB 375. For example, this can involve delineating uses, densities, and intensities such that subsequent development projects can be found consistent with the SCS. SCAG invites local jurisdictions to provide input to the RTP/SCS growth and land use assumptions (scenario plan) for this purpose, if desired, with the clear understanding that land use information should be developed in a voluntary, bottom up process, based on interest and participation at the option of each jurisdiction. The deadline for providing input on this portion of the local input process will be September 2014.

Further, to facilitate Stages 3 and 4; to enhance the quality and consistency of data review and exchange between SCAG and jurisdictions; and to provide jurisdictions with a tool to perform scenario exercises, SCAG is developing a UrbanFootprint Scenario Planning Model (SPM). SPM will be available by May 2014; it will provide a common platform allowing easy access to SCAG's datasets allowing local jurisdictions to provide input on open space information electronically. While it is voluntary, we strongly encourage that jurisdictions utilize the SPM for data review and to provide input. Attachment E contains a description of SCAG's SPM.

Frank Wen will be the primary SCAG contact for this process. Please direct any questions or comments to Frank at wen@scag.ca.gov or 213-236-1854.

Attachment E

SCAG Scenario Planning Model (SPM) Description

The SCAG Scenario Planning Model (SPM) is a tool that facilitates the development of future scenarios for land use, transportation infrastructure, socio-economic growth distribution, and urban form. The SPM has the ability to assess a wide range of analysis outcomes related to, for example, mobility, air quality, public health, fiscal impacts, and resource consumption. In addition to its analytical capacity, the model provides a platform for SCAG and local jurisdictions to store and exchange data, and to collaborate on regional and local plan development. SCAG SPM is built from the Urban Footprint platform, a software developed by Calthorpe Associates. Each of the major MPOs in California is developing different facets of Urban Footprint/SPM for their future planning needs.

For the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategies (RTP/SCS) development, SCAG SPM will serve two key purposes. One is to facilitate the scenario planning exercise at the regional scale, which will ultimately yield a proposed Draft 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. The other key purpose is to be used as a conduit for local jurisdictions to provide input to SCAG on socioeconomic growth, land use patterns, integrated transportation infrastructure, and other local planning and policy options. Subregions and jurisdictions may also use SPM to develop subregional and local plans.

SPM provides local planners advanced analytical capabilities and will serve as a common platform for communications between SCAG and local jurisdictions in the process of local input and public outreach. SCAG SPM will offer local jurisdictions the following key functionalities:

- Providing easy access to high quality geospatial data resources;
- Allowing local users to easily review, revise, or create data and plans;
- Increasing the technical capability of local users to analyze the fiscal, environmental, transportation, and public health impacts of respective plans and policies;
- Based on the outputs of each scenario, local planners may make policy recommendation to their decision-making body

The first version of SCAG SPM is scheduled to be available by fall, to coincide with the rollout of the local input process for the development of 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

Additional information on SPM and UrbanFootprint is available on SCAG web site at <http://www.scag.ca.gov/modeling/scenarioplanning.htm>.